

- (iv) Shri Shashanka Narayan, the Assistant Controller of Sales, Prasar Bharati, New Delhi.
- (c) CBI has informed that it is alleged that pecuniary benefit to the tune of approximately Rs. 1.51 crores was caused to the company.

Amount spent on improving the standard of news on Doordarshan

†1594. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the name of improving the standard of news at non-prime time, Doordarshan has spent crores of rupees in barely one year;
- (b) if so, the details of the total amount spent;
- (c) whether the standard of the news has improved;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the viewership is declining continuously;
- (e) who is responsible for duping Government of crores of rupees deceptively;
- (f) the action taken by Government in this regard; and
- (g) the manner in which Government will recover the bungled amount?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) to (g) Do not arise.

Filling up Post of Directors in Broadcasting Stations of J and K

1595. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that post of directors in respect of two major and sensitive broadcasting stations in J and K i.e. Radio Kashmir, Srinagar and Doordarshan Kendra are duly sanctioned;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that both these important stations are being headed by two deputy director rank officers; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.